

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein ~~the~~ said control circuit controls the brightness of ~~the~~ said light source to have a brightness that varies continuously as a function of ~~switch~~ the position of said switch when ~~the~~ a switch extending portion is moved between the second and third positions.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The improved right light of Claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ said control circuit is a solid state controller.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein ~~the~~ said first brightness and second brightness are discrete brightness levels, and wherein ~~the~~ said control circuit is not operable to turn ~~the~~ said light source on at a brightness intermediate ~~the~~ said first brightness and ~~the~~ said second brightness.

Claim 5. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, further ~~comprising~~ including a photosensitive device connected to ~~the~~ said control circuit wherein ~~the~~ said control circuit is operable in response to ambient light levels detected by ~~the~~ said photosensitive device, wherein ~~the~~ said light source is turned off in response to an ambient light level greater than a threshold level, and wherein ~~the~~ said light source is operated as defined by the ~~switch~~ position of said switch when the ambient light level is less than the threshold level.

Claim 6. (canceled)

Claim 7. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein the said switch is a rotary switch.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein the ~~switch-extending portion~~ said control circuit is manipulated by a user turning a portion of the said housing itself with respect to the remainder of the said housing.

Claim 9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (canceled)

Claim 14. (canceled)

Claim 15. (canceled)

Claim 16. (canceled)

Claim 17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (canceled)

Claim 19. (canceled)

Claim 20. (canceled)

Claim 21. (canceled)

Claim 22. (currently amended) An improved night light, comprising:

a housing suitable for connecting to an electrical outlet, wherein the said
housing includes a socket;

a bulb mounted on the said housing, wherein the said bulb is mounted on
5 the said housing by inserting it said bulb into the said socket;

a gasket around the base of the said bulb to seal the said socket from the
weather;

a cover plate over the said socket and said bulb, and said cover plate
having vents formed therein;

10 a switch having a portion extending from the said housing, the said
extending portion being capable of physical movement by a person between at least a
first, a second, and a third position; and

a control circuit within the said housing, and said control circuit being
connected to the said switch for connecting the said bulb to electrical power from said
15 electrical outlet, wherein the said control circuit is operable to turn the said bulb off when
the said switch is in the said first position to turn the said bulb on at a first brightness
when the said switch is in the said second position and to turn the said bulb on at a
second brightness brighter than the said first brightness when the said switch is in the
said third position.

Claim 23. (currently amended) An improved night light, comprising:

a housing suitable for connecting to an electrical outlet, ~~such~~ said housing having a front and a back, and at least two conductive blades extending from the back of said housing in an arrangement suitable for insertion into ~~an~~ the electrical outlet, 5 whereby insertion of ~~the~~ said at least two conductive blades into ~~an~~ the electrical outlet places ~~the~~ said housing back into a position immediately adjacent the electrical outlet;

a first and a second light source mounted on ~~the~~ said housing;

a switch having a portion extending from ~~the~~ said housing, ~~the~~ said extending portion capable of physical movement by a person between at least a first, a 10 second, and a third position; and

a control circuit within ~~the~~ said housing, ~~and~~ said control circuit being connected to ~~the~~ said switch for selectively connecting ~~the~~ said first and second light sources to the electrical ~~power~~ outlet;

wherein ~~the~~ said control circuit is operable to turn both light sources off 15 when ~~the~~ said switch is in ~~the~~ said first position, to turn the first light source on when ~~the~~ said switch is in ~~the~~ said second position, and to turn both light sources on when ~~the~~ said switch is in ~~the~~ said third position.

Claim 24. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ said switch is a rotary switch.

Claim 25. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 23, ~~the~~ wherein said switch extending portion is manipulated by a user turning a portion of ~~the~~ said housing itself with respect to the remainder of ~~the~~ said housing.

Claim 26. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 23, wherein ~~the~~ said first and second light sources ~~comprise~~ are bulbs.

Claim 27. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 26, wherein ~~the~~ said first and second light sources ~~comprise~~ are incandescent bulbs.

Claim 28. (currently amended) An improved night light for use in an outdoor installation, comprising:

an outlet box cover adapted to mount over an electrical outlet in an outlet box, the said electrical outlet having at least a first and a second electrical outlet;

5 a light transmitting cover plate over a portion of ~~the~~ said outlet box cover, said light transmitting cover plate being positioned so as to cover ~~the~~ said first electrical outlet when ~~the~~ said outlet box cover is installed over ~~the~~ said outlet box;

three conductive blades extending from ~~the~~ said outlet box cover behind ~~the~~ said light transmitting cover plate for insertion into ~~the~~ said first electrical outlet, said
10 three conductive blades including two blades for conducting power and a third blade adapted for insertion into a grounding receptacle;

a hinged door connected to ~~the~~ said outlet box cover, and said hinged door positioned to cover a said second electrical outlet and protect said second electrical outlet from the weather;

15 a light source mounted under ~~the~~ said light transmitting cover plate;

a control circuit within ~~the~~ said outlet box cover, said control circuit being connected to ~~the~~ said three conductive blades and ~~the bulb~~ said light source, to control operation of said light source ~~the bulb~~ said light source; and

means for sealing ~~the~~ said outlet box cover against the weather, whereby
20 the improved night light can be used outdoors.

Claim 29. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said control circuit includes a photosensitive device to turn the said light source on and off as a function of ambient light levels.

Claim 30. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said control circuit includes an on/off switch.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said light transmitting cover plate is transparent.

Claim 32. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said means for sealing said outlet box ~~is~~ comprises a gasket around a backside periphery of the said outlet box cover.

Claim 33. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said light transmitting cover plate includes an air vent.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said light source ~~comprises~~ is an incandescent bulb.

Claim 35. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 34, wherein the said light source ~~comprises~~ includes at least two incandescent bulbs.

Claim 36. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said control circuit includes a motion detector to turn the improved night light on in response to movement nearby.

Claim 37. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, further ~~comprising~~ including:

5 a ground fault interrupter connected to the said control circuit, wherein the improved night light is protected from the occurrence of an unsafe ground fault condition.

Claim 38. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, further comprising including:

a sealing member attached to the said outlet box cover and to the said light source to provide a weatherproof seal for the said light source.

Claim 39. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 38, wherein the said light source ~~comprises~~ is a bulb connected to a socket.

Claim 40. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 39, wherein the said bulb is an incandescent bulb.

Claim 41. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 39, wherein the said sealing member ~~comprises~~ is a gasket around a base of the said bulb.

5 Claim 42. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 28, wherein the said control circuit is operable to turn the said light source off with a switch when the said switch is set to a first position, to turn the said light source on at a first brightness when the said switch is set to a second position, and to turn the said light source on at a second brightness brighter than the said first brightness when the said switch is set to a third position.

Claim 43. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 42, wherein the said control circuit is operable to turn the said light source on at a third brightness level

brighter than ~~the~~ said second brightness level when ~~the~~ said switch is set to a fourth position.

Claim 44. (currently amended) An improved night light comprising:

a housing suitable for connecting to an electrical outlet, ~~such~~ said housing having a front and a back, and at least two conductive blades extending from the back of said housing in an arrangement suitable for insertion into an electrical outlet, whereby
5 insertion of ~~the~~ said conductive blades into ~~an~~ said electrical outlet places ~~the~~ said housing back into a position immediately adjacent to ~~the~~ said electrical outlet;

a light source mounted on ~~the~~ said housing;

a switch mounted to ~~the~~ said housing, ~~and~~ said switch being capable of manipulation by a person, ~~the~~ said switch settable to at least three positions; and

10 a control circuit within ~~the~~ said housing, ~~the~~ said control circuit being connected to ~~the~~ said switch and to ~~the~~ said light source;

wherein ~~the~~ said control circuit is operable to turn ~~the~~ said light source off when ~~the~~ said switch is set to a first position, to turn ~~the~~ said light source on at a first brightness when ~~the~~ said switch is set to a second position, and to turn ~~the~~ said light
15 source on at a second brightness brighter than ~~the~~ said first brightness when ~~the~~ said switch is set to a third position.

Claim 45. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein ~~the~~ said control circuit is operable to turn ~~the~~ said light source on at a third brightness level brighter than ~~the~~ said second brightness level when ~~the~~ said switch is set to a fourth position.

Claim 46. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 45 wherein the said light source ~~comprises~~ is an incandescent bulb.

Claim 47. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein the said light source ~~comprises~~ is an incandescent bulb.

Claim 48. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, further ~~comprising~~ including:

5 a motion sensor connected to ~~the~~ said control circuit, wherein ~~the~~ said motion sensor operates with ~~the~~ said control circuit to turn ~~the~~ said light source on when motion is sensed near the improved night light.

Claim 49. (currently amended) The ~~right~~ improved night light of Claim 44, further ~~comprising~~ including:

5 a photo sensor connected to ~~the~~ said control circuit, wherein ~~the~~ said photo sensor operates with ~~the~~ said control circuit to turn ~~the~~ said light source on when ambient light levels fall below a threshold level.

Claim 50. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein the said switch ~~comprises~~ is a mechanical switch.

Claim 51. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 44, wherein the said light source ~~comprises~~ includes at least two separately light emitting sources.

Claim 52. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 51, wherein the said light source ~~comprises~~ includes at least two light emitting bulbs.

Claim 53. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 52, wherein the said light emitting bulbs ~~comprise~~ are incandescent bulbs.

Claim 54. (currently amended) An improved night light comprising:

a housing suitable for connecting to an electrical outlet; such said housing having a front and a back, and at least two conductive blades extending from the back in an arrangement suitable for insertion into an electrical outlet, whereby insertion of the said conductive blades into an electrical outlet places the said housing back into a position immediately adjacent the electrical outlet;

a light source mounted on the said housing, the said light source being capable of ~~providing~~ emitting light at a predetermined brightness; and means attached to the said housing for adjusting the level of light provided by the said light source to at least three different brightness levels.

Claim 55. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 54, wherein the said adjusting means for adjusting the level of light ~~comprises~~ is an electrical control circuit for controlling the an amount of electric current provided to the said light source.

Claim 56. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 54~~55~~, further comprising:

a motion sensor connected to ~~the~~ said light source, wherein ~~the~~ said motion sensor operates with ~~the~~ said control circuit to turn ~~the~~ said light source on when
5 motion is sensed near the improved night light.

Claim 57. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 54~~55~~, further comprising:

a photo sensor connected to ~~the~~ said light source, wherein ~~the~~ said photo sensor operates with ~~the~~ said control circuit to turn ~~the~~ said light source on when
5 ambient light levels fall below a threshold level.

Claim 58. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 54, wherein the ~~control circuit~~ said means for adjusting the level of light includes a switch mounted on ~~the~~ said housing, ~~the~~ said switch having a plurality of positions, each switch position corresponding to a different amount of electric current provided to ~~the~~ said light source.

Claim 59. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 54, wherein ~~the~~ said light source ~~comprises is~~ is a bulb.

Claim 60. (currently amended) The night light of Claim 59, wherein ~~the~~ said bulb is an incandescent bulb.

Claim 61. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 54, wherein ~~the~~ said ~~adjusting means for adjusting the brightness of provided light~~ level of light adjusts the brightness of said light source through a continuous range of brightness levels.

Claim 62. (currently amended) The improved night light of Claim 54, wherein ~~the~~
~~adjusting said~~ means for adjusting the level of light controls the brightness of provided
light to be any one of a plurality of discrete brightness levels.

Claim 63. (currently amended) An improved night light comprising:

a housing suitable for connecting to an electrical outlet, such housing having a front and a back, and at least two conductive blades extending from the said back of said housing in an arrangement suitable for insertion into an electrical outlet, whereby insertion of the said conductive blades into an the electrical outlet places the housing back of said housing into a position immediately adjacent the electrical outlet;

a light source mounted on the said housing, the said light source being capable of providing light at a predetermined brightness; [and]

a motion sensor attached to the said housing for turning the said light source on in response to motion detected near the improved night light;

a switch mounted to the said housing and capable of manipulation by a person, the said switch settable to at least three positions; and

a control circuit within the said housing, the said control circuit being connected to the said switch and to the said light source,

wherein the said control circuit is operable to turn the said light source off when the said switch is set to a first position, to turn the said light source on at a first brightness when the said switch is set to a second position, and to turn the said light source on at a second brightness brighter than the said first brightness when the said switch is set to a third position.

Claim 64. (canceled)

Claim 65. (canceled)

Claim 66. (canceled)

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Claim 67. (canceled)